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## ON HOARDS OF COINS FOUND IN IRELAND,

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Having given some attention to the subject of coins found in Ireland, I have, for a number of years past, kept a record of various hoards which have been, from time to time, discovered in the country, and of as many particulars as I could ascertain respecting them. Some of these are interesting; and I have thought it might be desirable to publish the present list in the Ulster Journal of Archaeology, with a view of eliciting information of a similar kind from collectors in other parts of the country.

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Date.

1808—About 250 ounces of silver coins, of **ELIZABETH**, were found near DOWNPATRICK, in the County Down; they were all sold in Dublin for the value of old silver.

1809—In this year were found, in DOWNPATRICK, upwards of 60 ounces of silver coins, chiefly Groats of **HENRY** the 8th, and a few of **RICHARD III.** they were disposed of in Belfast.

1810—In this year a penny of **ATHELSTAN** was found near DROGHEDA.

1811—Several thousand silver pennies of **EDWARD** the I. II. & III., and **ALEXANDER III.**, of SCOTLAND, were found near BALLYCLARE, County Antrim.

1843—At DERRY nearly ten ounces of silver Coins were found; amongst which were two Groats of **RICHARD III.**, two Groats of **EDWARD IV.**, minted in LIMINOR, and the remainder were Groats of **HENRY VIII.**, minted by Cardinal Wolsey.

1843—This year several ounces of Groats of **EDWARD IV.** were found in the County Derry, and disposed of in Belfast.

1843—A large number of Irish base coins, of **PHILIP AND MARY**, were discovered near COLERAINE, County Derry.

1840—About this time was found, near BELFAST, a gold coin, marked on both sides 4 dwt. 7 grs., supposed to have been struck by **LORD INCHIQUIN**, in the reign of **CHARLES I.**, and to represent in value a French Pistole. This unique specimen is in my collection.

1850—About this time five similar coins were discovered; two of which are in the BRITISH MUSEUM, two in the cabinet of Sir MONTAGUE CHAPMAN, Bart., and the other in the possession of Dr. AQUILLA SMITH, of DUBLIN.

1815—In this year a few ounces of base money, of **PHILIP AND MARY**, of the ordinary kind, and one base Testoon of **EDWARD VI.**, were found near NEWRY.

1820—During this year twelve base Pennies of **ELIZABETH**, and **PHILIP AND MARY**, were found near DOWNPATRICK.

1814—A man dug up, near BELFAST, a cow's horn full of coins of DAVID and ROBERT of Scotland.

1843—Near NEWTOWNARDS, County Down, were discovered about twenty Groats of DAVID II. and ROBERT II. of SCOTLAND, together with several groats of HENRY IV. & VI.

1845—This year two hundred Pennies of EDWARD I. II. AND III. and a CALAIS Groat of EDWARD III. were discovered near LARNE, County Antrim.

1840—Near NEWRY, some labourers discovered about eighty English pennies, of HENRY III, some of which were of rare type.

1843—About this time two hundred Pennies of EDWARD I. II. III., and ALEXANDER III, of SCOTLAND, were found near SAINTFIELD, County Down; they were all common except one EXETER penny of EDWARD I.

1842—At KILLINCHY, County Down, there were found near five hundred English pennies of HENRY III, all of the Short-Cross type.

1820—In the demesne of Mountstewart, County Down, were found several base Irish coins of ELIZABETH.

1845—There were discovered, near BELFAST, about twenty ounces of silver coins, of ELIZABETH and CHARLES I. and II., among which was one INCHQUIN Shilling.

1848—Found at CASTLE CONNEL thirty Guineas of GEORGE III.

1847—About thirty silver coins of ELIZABETH were found at BARN-HILL, County Down, the residence of Guy Stone, Esq.

1840—In the townland of MULLAGHSANDAL, near CARRICKFERGUS, County Antrim, about fifty Pennies of EDWARD II. and one Penny of ALEXANDER III.

1848—About this time a few base coins, of PHILIP AND MARY, were discovered near BELFAST.

1845—In December of this year, a brass token, struck by JAMES BIGGAR, MERCHANT, BELFAST, 1666, was found near BELFAST.

1845—Was found, near BELFAST, a Penny of JOHN, minted by JOHN in DUBLIN.

1845—At this time was found, near BELFAST, a light groat of HENRY IV, minted at BRISTOW, (Bristol.) This coin differs from those mentioned by RUDING and HAWKINS, in having the OB mint-mark, a trefoil, and, on the RE a cross. This rare coin is in my cabinet.

1843—In June of this year, some persons, when digging a grave in the burying-ground of the old church of DERRYKEEHNAN, near DERVOCK, county Antrim, discovered two hundred and sixty Saxon coins, of the following kings: EDWIC—EADRED—EADGAR—ERIC—ATHELSTAN—and EADMUND.

1845—At this time some labourers, when digging potatoes in the reclaimed fish pond of the Abbey of INES, or ARDQUIN, in the GREAT ARDS, County Down, discovered, near the surface, a small box which contained the following Coins, viz:—1 Groat RICHARD II., 1 COVENTRY Groat EDWARD IV., 1 DUBLIN Halfpenny, EDWARD I., 1 CORK Penny EDWARD I.,

very rare; 1 heavy Groat, weight 66 grains, **EDWARD IV.**, 250 Pennies of **EDWARD I., II., & III.**, 20 Pennies of **RICHARD II.**, all in poor condition, but rare; 6 Halfpennies of **EDWARD III.**, 10 Groats of **DAVID II.** of SCOTLAND, 10 Groats of **ROBERT II.** of SCOTLAND, 2 Pennies of **DAVID II.** and 2 Pennies of **ROBERT II.**

The chief part of this hoard came into my possession.

1844—At this time were discovered, near DROMORE, County Down, twenty ounces of the coins of **EDWARD VI.**, and **ELIZABETH**, none of which were of rare type.

1844—This year a labourer dug up, in the fosse of the ruined Castle of CON O'NEILL, at CASTLEREAGH, County Down, one hundred and fifty shillings and sixpences of **EDWARD VI.** and **ELIZABETH**: the coins were contained in a pewter vessel.

1820—This year the sexton of SHANKHILL, the old parish church of BELFAST, when making a grave, found a Penny of **JOHN**, type, **ROBERD ON DIVE.** Coins have been discovered at various times in this place.

1840—Found near BELFAST several ounces of **HENRY VIII.**, *Harp Groats*; they escaped examination having been melted.

1820—At this time was discovered, in the thatch of an old house near NEWTOWARDS, county Down, a tea-cup filled with French and Spanish gold coins.

1847—Were found twelve DANISH coins at BUTTACK, county Armagh; being very much decomposed they could not be identified.

1824—This year about 20 ounces of IRISH Three-Crown Groats of **EDWARD III.**, and **HENRY VII.**, were found near BELFAST.

1846—Found near BALLYMENA, County Antrim, fifty coins of **ELIZABETH**, **JAMES I.**, and **CHARLES I.**, all of which were in poor condition.

1846—Early in May, a few ounces of the silver coins of **CHARLES I.**, and one Scotch Shilling of **JAMES I.**, were discovered near BELFAST.

1849—In August, seven Gold Coins of **JAMES I.**, & **CHARLES I.**, were discovered near NEWRY, County Down.

1849—During the month of September an IRISH silver shilling of **MARY** was found near Newry, County Down.

1849—Was found a small hoard of the IRISH base coins of **ELIZABETH**, and **PHILIP AND MARY**, at AHOGHILL, County Antrim.

1847—It was reported that a large hoard of gold coins was discovered at the townland of ANTICOR, near BALLYMONEY, county Antrim, by a labouring man, who immediately left the country, and was not heard of afterwards.

1849—Some time in September a hoard of coins was found at GILFORD, county Down.

1850—Sixty-one coins of **ELIZABETH**, and **JAMES I.**, were found in the county ARMAGH.

1851—There were found at CALEDON, county Tyrone, a few Groats of **EDWARD IV.**, and

**HENRY VII.**, minted at DUBLIN, WATERFORD, and DROGHEDA; they are in the cabinet of the Countess of Caledon.

1851—Found at SANDYMOULD, RICHHILL, county Armagh, a number of silver Coins, struck in HOLLAND, during the years 1609 and 1660.

1852—About four hundred coins of **ELIZABETH** were discovered near KILLYLEA, county Armagh.

1848—A hoard of **ELIZABETH**'s base Irish money, weighing fourteen pounds, was found in the townland of BRIGHT, barony of INNISHOWEN, county Donegall; it is not known where the coins are.

1850—Found at TULLYARD, county Down, a large quantity of silver Coins.

1850—Found, near ARMAGH, a number of large silver Coins of **LOUIS XIII.** and **XIV.**, also a quantity of **ELIZABETH'S** Copper Irish Pennies and Half-pennies.

1849—At this time was found, at CLONCA, INNISHOWEN, County Donegall, a large earthen mug filled with silver Coins of **HENRY VII.** and **VIII.**, now in the cabinet of John Harvey, Esq., Malin Hall, County Donegall.

1852—Found, at ABBEY-SIDE, DUNGANNON, County Tyrone, eleven gold Coins of **CHARLES I.**—**JAMES II.**—**WILLIAM III.**—**ANNE**—**GEORGE I.**—and **JOHN V.** of Portugal.

1851—Found, at GREY ABBEY, County Down, a very curious bronze box which contained about fifty Coins of **HENRY IV.** and **VII.**, and one piece called an ABBEY-COUNTER, formerly used by the monks in keeping their accounts.—These are now in the cabinet of Hugh Montgomery, Esq., Rosemount, Grey Abbey.